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1. North Korean Fishermen's Cooperatives are independent of the North Korean Fisheries, which are under the control of the Fisheries Ministry¹ of the North Korean Cabinet. The cooperatives are organized locally by a minimum of 20 fishermen, and are governed by an executive committee of five members elected by the cooperative. Members are permitted to buy shares in the cooperatives at 1,000 North Korean won per share.

The Naksan National Fishery Cooperative

2. As of late March the Naksan (N 42-07, E 130-10) (EB-9663) National Fishery Cooperative had the following buildings and storage facilities:
 - a. The office building at the foot of a mountain.
 - b. The chief's office and home east of the office building.
 - c. The cooperative's meeting hall immediately east of the chief's building.

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- d. The fish salting works and office across a truck road from the other office buildings. Two fish salting tanks were attached to the south side of the salt works building.
 - e. The dormitory for the fishermen and laborers of the cooperative at EB-964617.
 - f. Two warehouses at EB-876623. In late March about 300 straw bags of salt were stored in one; the other was empty.
3. The Naksan National Fishery Cooperative had the following vessels and equipment:
- a. One 22-ton wooden boat with a 60-horsepower turbine engine.
One 18-ton boat with a 40-hp engine.
One 6-ton boat with an 8-hp engine.
Three 10-ton sailing boats.
Five 7-ton boats.
Two 2-ton sailing boats.
 - b. Four stationary fishing nets 100 meters long, 24 meters wide.
Two stationary fishing nets 120 meters long, 50 meters wide.
Three towing nets 120 meters long, 15 meters wide.
 - c. Five hundred straw bags of salt.
 - d. Eight rolls of rope, each roll 180 meters long.
4. The Naksan National Fishing Cooperative was furnishing approximately 2,000 tons of various kinds of fish to the North Korean army annually.
5. The monthly catch averaged as follows:
- a. Mackerel: 900 tons during June and July.
 - b. Pollack: 800 tons during March, April, May, December and January.
6. The Naksan National Fishery Cooperative's personnel were as follows:
- a. Executives:
 - Chief: YI Chae-sun (2621/ ? /8642), aged 44
 - Assistant Chief: HŎ Yŏng-han (6079/3057/3352), aged 42
 - Planning Section Chief: KO Nam-ŭk (7559/0589/2485), aged 42
 - Accounting Section Chief: CH'OE Kwŏn-ŭi (1508/2938/0308), aged 34
 - Supply Section Chief: HŎ Sŏng-nak (6079/2052/3157), aged 34
 - Fisheries Section Chief: CHO Hŭng-kyu (6392/5281/1145), aged 34
 - Labor Section Chief: YIM Yŏng-hun (2651/3057/0534), aged 37
 - Processing and Manufactur-
ing Section Chief: SIN Tong-sun (3947/2639/8642), aged 28
 - b. Workers:
 - 206 laborers
 - 13 office workers

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7. The Naksan National Fishery Cooperative's salaries² and rations were as follows:

- a. Chief 2,700 NK won
- b. Assistant chief 2,100 NK won
- c. Section chiefs 1,700 NK won
- d. Office workers 800 NK won; 600-gram grain ration daily
- e. Laborers 700 NK won; 700-gram grain ration daily
- f. Seamen received an 800-gram food ration daily, but were required to pay 5 NK won per kilogram for rice and 3.31 NK won per kilogram for other grains.

The Najin National Fishery Cooperative

8. As of early April the Najin (N 42-15, E 130-19) (FB-0978) National Fishery Cooperative had the following buildings and facilities:

- a. The main building at FB-084763, north of the shore.
- b. The North Korean Labor Party branch office of the Cooperative in a building east of the main building and across a truck road.
- c. The Cooperative's meeting hall at FB-083761, southeast of the North Korean Labor Party branch office building.
- d. The refrigerator room in the same building with the meeting hall.
- e. Two concrete diesel oil storage tanks: the first at FB-076766 contained 80 tons of diesel oil and was camouflaged by a tin roof; the second at FB-056745 contained 50 tons of diesel oil and was camouflaged with straw mats.
- f. Two fish salting tanks at FB-129787 on the shore near Sinhae-dong (N 42-15, E 130-21) (FB-1178). These tanks were used annually from May through June.

9. The Najin National Fishery Cooperative owned the following vessels and equipment:

- a. Four 8-ton fishing boats with nets
 - One 40-ton motor boat with a 100-horsepower engine
 - Two 12-ton scows
 - Six 4-ton boats
 - 132 x 2-ton row boats. These were used for gathering seaweed.
- b. 28 fishing nets of varying kinds and sizes.

10. The Najin Fishery Cooperative earned 3,500,000 North Korean won in 1952. The total catch was 22 percent above the tonnage quota which had been set at the beginning of the year. Production figures follow:

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<u>Product</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Actual Production</u>	<u>Price per Ton</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>
Anchovies	10 tons ³	6 tons ³	123,690 NK won	742,140 NK won
Anglers	21	1	25,100	25,100
Cod	10	.75	57,200	42,900
Flat fish	10	6	47,150	282,900
Mackerel	455	613	15,350	9,409,550
Miscellaneous fish	78	72	35,190	2,533,680
Pollack	260	98	45,200	4,429,600
Seaweed	<u>125</u>	<u>386</u>	22,212	<u>8,573,832</u>
Grand Totals	969 tons	1,182.75 tons		26,039,702 NK won

11.. The Najin National Fishery Cooperative employed 325 persons in the following capacities:

- a. 21 staff personnel and their assistants.
 2 ships' captains.
 2 engineers.
 188 fishing laborers.
 99 processing and manufacturing laborers.
 8 foremen.
 6 handymen.
 3 guards.

b. Sections, duties and staff personnel were set up as follows:

(1) Executive Section.

Manager: SIN T'ae-sun (3947/3141/8642), aged 42

Assistant Manager: MA P'om-yong (7456/4636/7893), aged 44

- (2) Planning Section. This section set production quotas, procured materials necessary for production, made estimates based on supply and demand, and drew up monthly reports for submission to the Fisheries Ministry which showed actual production of processed goods.

Chief: KIM Pong-hyok (6855/7685/6378), aged 37

Assistant: KIM Pyong-kuk (6855/4426/0948)

- (3) Fisheries Section. This section maintained and directed the operation of all fishing boats belonging to the cooperative and also made plans for increased production.

Chief: KIM Kuk-ch'an (6855/0948/3605), aged 47

Assistant: KIM Pong-hun (6855/7685/0534), aged 42

Assistant: KIM Kwang-hyon (6855/0342/3807), aged 38

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- (4) Labor Section. This section procured laborers and handled their general administration including the payment of their salaries and supervision of their general welfare. This section also procured and handled the rationing of certain work materials.

Chief: YI Chang-nok (2621/7022/6922), aged 42.

Assistant: KIM Sun-ok (6855/8642/3768), aged 22, female.

Assistant: YI In-tuk (2621/0088/1779), aged 22, female.

- (5) Supply Section. This section procured and handled the storage of certain materials such as rope, fishing nets, straw products, diesel oil and other fuels.

Chief: PANG Ki-ok (2455/1015/3768), aged 32.

Assistant: YI Tong-pang (2621/2639/5364), aged 45.

- (6) Processing and Manufacturing Section. This section processed the fish caught for the salt works and stored the fish and fish products until they were issued from the warehouse.

Chief: KIM Won-t'ae (6855/0337/3141), aged 32.

Assistant: CH'OE Tong-kwan (1508/2639/1351), aged 30.

Assistant: YU Chin-won (0205/3791/0337), aged 21.

- (7) General Affairs and Secret Files Section. This section handled secret documents such as North Korean cabinet decisions and orders from the cabinet, the Fisheries Ministry, and the North Korean Military Committee. This section also had charge of civil service at the cooperative.

Chief: CH'OE Sang-man (1508/4161/5502), aged 43.

- (8) Accounting Section. This section handled the funds and monthly accounts and paid the wages to the employees.

Chief: SIN Hyong-sun (6580/0077/8642), aged 37.

Assistant: CHO Pong-cha (6392/7685/1311), aged 23, female.

Assistant: KIM Pyong-hwan (6855/4426/3562), aged 27.

Assistant: KIM Kyong-il (6855/0079/0001), aged 36.

- (9) Warehouse Section.

Chief: CHANG Ik-sop (1728/4135/3610), aged 41.

Assistant: YU Ch'ung-sun (0205/1813/8642), aged 38.

The Haeju Marine Product Cooperative Association

12. As of June the Haeju Marine Products Cooperative Association was on a pier near Kyolsong-ni (N 38-01, E 125-42) (YC-3711). The office was in a semi-dugout (sic).

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13. This Association was set up as follows:

- a. Chairman. CHO Kyong-un, aged 38, a member of the North Korean Labor Party, and graduate of the Yonghodo Fishery School became chairman in December 1952. His predecessor was YI Kuk-pom, aged 42, a graduate of the Sinch'on Agricultural School.
- b. Director.
- c. Administrative Section.
- d. Accounting Section.
- e. Purchasing Section.
- f. Sales Section.

14. The Association was started after World War II to develop and control marine production in Haeju Bay area. In 1950 the outbreak of the Korean conflict and the subsequent United Nations blockade of the North Korean east coast hindered the activities of the Association. When the United Nations forces withdrew from North Korea many of the fishing vessels fled to South Korea or were damaged in air attacks.

15. In April 1952 traffic restrictions for fishing had been put into effect for the purpose of defending the coastal areas, but many of these restrictions were rescinded in January 1953 to allow members of the association to gather shellfish. The identity of each member was checked before he was allowed to go near the coastal area. The daily catch was purchased by the association in exchange for grain, because the fishermen preferred grain to cash. Farmers were also qualified to become members of the association, and the poorer farmers, who could not afford to wait until harvest time, neglected their farming and went out to gather shellfish. The local Farmers' Union did not approve of allowing the farmers to engage in fishing. The tide situation permitted only six hours of fishing each day. A daily catch for each fisherman consisted of the following amounts of shellfish:

- a. Two to three kilograms of oysters which were sold at 200 North Korean won per kilogram.
- b. Two to four kilograms of long shellfish at 180 North Korean won per kilogram.
- c. Two to four kilograms of small shellfish at 200 North Korean won per kilogram.
- d. Two to three kilograms of large shellfish at 200 North Korean won per kilogram.

16. As of June 1953 there were three licensed net fishermen in the Haeju Bay area. One of the net fishermen was PAK Sun-sik. The association urged these men to join for the purpose of recruiting more productive members, but the men refused and had no difficulty in disposing of their daily catch. Net fishing consisted of laying a 500-meter net in the water during high tide and retrieving the trapped fish when the tide ebbed. A reed curtain on each end of the net prevented the fish from escaping after they entered the net.

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The Osang-dong Fishermen's Cooperative

17. As of March the Osang-dong (N 41-18, E 129-45) (EA-6372) Fishermen's Cooperative, at the foot of a hill at EA-628710, consisted of the following buildings:

- a. The cooperative.
- b. Two buildings immediately east of the cooperative.
- c. One building southeast of the cooperative.

18. The Osang-dong Fishermen's Cooperative owned the following vessels:

- a. Two 20-ton sailing vessels
- b. Ten 2 to 3-ton sampans

These boats were operated daily between 0200 and 0500 hours. Since March 1953, because of United Nations naval activities, fishing vessels had not been permitted to sail further than four kilometers from the coast.

19. The monthly catch approximated 40 tons of pollack and mackerel.

20. In March the Osang-dong Fishermen's Cooperative had 36 members, including the following:

YI Hyŏng-chu (2621/0077/2691), aged 45, committee chairman of the Osang-dong fishermen's Cooperative, member of the North Korean Labor Party, graduate of primary school.

HŎ Il-yong (6079/0001/7893), aged 57, vice chairman of the Osang-dong Fishermen's Cooperative, member of the North Korean Labor Party.

AN Ok-ki (1344/3768/1015), female, aged 32, member of the North Korean Labor Party.

AN Pyŏng-nak (1344/3521/3157), aged 40, member of the North Korean Labor Party, graduate of primary school.

CH'AE Mun-ch'ung (5591/2429/1813), aged 46, member of the Democratic Party, illiterate.

CHŎNG Yong-ak (6774/7893/1471), aged 45, member of the North Korean Labor Party, illiterate.

HAM In-song (0752/0088/2646), aged 47, member of the Democratic Party, illiterate.

HŎ Ki-ch'ang (6079/1015/2490), aged 40, member of the North Korean Labor Party.

HŎ Ki-man (6079/1015/5502), aged 43, member of the North Korean Labor Party.

KIM Ki-hak (6855/1015/1331), aged 55, member of the North Korean Labor Party.

KIM Ok-ye (6855/3768/4409), female, aged 32, member of the North Korean Labor Party, graduate of primary school.

KIM P'yŏng-su (6855/1627/3178), aged 60, illiterate.

KIM Sŭng-ho (6855/2110/6964), aged 52, member of the Democratic Party.

KIM Ŏk-kum (6855/0310/0093), aged 33, member of the North Korean Labor Party.

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KIM Yang-wŏl (6855/7122/2588), female, aged 31, member of the North Korean Labor Party, illiterate.

O Yu-sŏp (0702/5940/3610), aged 50, member of the North Korean Labor Party.

PAK Chi-sŏng (2613/4249/2052), aged 31, member of the North Korean Labor Party.

PAK Sŏng-ku (2613/2052/0046), aged 18, graduate of primary school.

YI Chae-sŏk (2621/0961/6932), aged 32, member of the North Korean Labor Party, graduate of high school.

YI Kum-sang (2621/3830/4161), aged 44, member of the North Korean Labor Party, illiterate.

YI Yong-sŏk (2621/7893/4258), aged 45, member of the Democratic Party.

The Kumho Fishery Cooperative

21. As of June the Kumho Fishery Cooperative cell of the North Korean Labor Party in Kumho-ri (N 39-53, E 127-51) (DV-0215) consisted of the following 20 members under the cell chairman:

CHIN Man-sik (7115/5502/2784), aged 42, chief of the Kumho Fishery Cooperative.

HAN Pyŏng-hyŏk (7281/3521/6378), aged 41, chairman of the Kumho Fishery Cooperative cell of the North Korean Labor Party, manufacturing laborer, graduate of primary school. HAN was formerly a member of the Hongwŏn-gun Social Security Section until the outbreak of the Korean conflict. He was discharge from the position because his brother cooperated with the United Nations forces.

CH'OE Hong-suk (1508/1738/3219), aged 44, cell vice chairman, fisherman, member of the Professional League Committee.

CH'OE Pyŏng-sŏng (1508/4426/1840), aged 29, member of the cell committee, graduate of primary school, chairman of the Professional League Committee.

CH'OE Sŏk-sun (1508/6932/8642), aged 44, member of the cell committee.

SONG Myŏng-chun (1345/2494/0193), aged 34, member of the cell committee, fisherman, graduate of primary school.

SONG Tŏk-sun (1345/1795/7311), aged 33, member of the cell committee, fisherman, member of the Professional League Committee, member of the Korea-Russo Cultural Association, graduate of primary school.

CH'OE Hun-ha (1508/0534/3109), aged 45, chief of the General Affairs Section in the Kumho Fishery Cooperative.

YI Tong-yŏl (2621/2639/3525), aged 32, chief of the Kumho Fishery Cooperative Armed Self-Defense Unit, fisherman, former member of the North Korean army.

CH'OE Pyŏng-ki (1508/4426/ ?), aged 42, fisherman, illiterate.

CH'OE Tong-sik (1508/2639/2784), aged 35, fisherman.

HAM Wŏn-chip (0752/0337/7162), aged 44, fisherman.

HAN Kŭm-sŏk (7281/0093/4258), aged 62, fisherman.

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KIM Hong-yŏl (6855/1738/3525), aged 44, fisherman.

KIM Kyu-yŏl (6855/1145/3525), aged 37, fisherman.

KIM Song-t'aek (6855/1345/3419), aged 40, fisherman.

KIM Yŏ-ha (6855/7787/3109), aged 34, fisherman.

KIM Yŏng-kŭn (6855/3057/2704), aged 34, fisherman.

SO Hyŏng-ho (1776/0077/6964), aged 43, fisherman.

SONG Kŭm-sun (1345/0093/7311), aged 44, fisherman, member of the Professional League Committee.

The Soho Fishery Cooperative

22. As of May the Soho Fishery Cooperative was in two tunnels at CV-850079 in Chakto-ri (N 39-49, E 127-39) (CV-8408). These tunnels were spaced 50 meters apart, connected by passages, and contained five rooms: the Fisheries and Supply Office, the Labor Office, the Manufacturing Office, the North Korean Labor Party Office, and the Planning Office. The tunnels were equipped with electricity and telephones were installed to maintain communications with the Chakto-ri Branch Police Station at CV-851079 and Hŭngnam. The Cooperative also had a garage at the foot of a mountain at CV-850082 where one Japanese coalburning truck and ten bags of charcoal were stored and another building south of the garage where three oxen were kept. Three ox-carts were parked in front of the latter building.
23. In May the Soho Fishery Cooperative employed the following persons, the majority of whom were members of the North Korean Labor Party:
 - Manager: CHŎNG Pyŏng-to (6774/0014/6670), aged 40.
 - One assistant manager
 - Six office chiefs
 - Chairman of the Professional League Committee
 - Cell chairman of the North Korean Labor Party
 - Ten clerks
 - One truck driver
 - One assistant truck driver
 - Five ship's crew members. The ship's captain was KIM Pong-il (6855/7685/4135), aged 40.
 - Three ox-cart drivers
 - One barber
24. The entrance to the tunnel was guarded by the clerks at the cooperative in 8-hour shifts. One person, armed with a Mossin-Nagant rifle, was on duty at all times. Another employee patrolled the coastal area between CV-847078 and CV-839095. The manager and chairman of the North Korean Labor Party were armed with Soviet pistols and 11 Soviet F-1 Defensive Hand Grenades were stored in the Fisheries and Supply Office.
25. Three times each month two North Korean army officers came to the Soho Fishery Cooperative with issue slips signed by the Fisheries Department of the North Korean Cabinet and transported three ox-carts of fish to Hamhung. The ox-carts were obtained in nearby villages.

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The Samho Fishermen's Cooperative

26. As of June the Samho (N 39-56, E 127-53) (DV-0421) Fishermen's Cooperative occupied a house at DV-045207. There was a road on the east side of the house and an air raid tunnel on a sloping field south of the house.
27. The Samho Fishermen's Cooperative had the following vessels and equipment:
- Three 7-ton wooden vessels
 - Two sampans
 - Two sets of fishing nets
28. The Samho Fishermen's Cooperative consisted of 45 members including the following:
- a. Committee chief: HAN Kwi-chong (7281/6311/6988), aged 43, member of the North Korean Labor Party.
 - b. Production chief: HONG Tok-su (3163/1795/4423), aged 40, member of the North Korean Labor Party.
 - c. Materials Section chief: YI Min-söp (2621/2404/3610), aged 41.
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